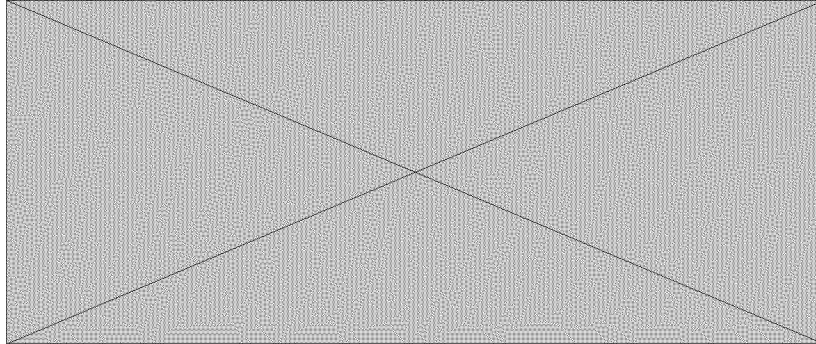


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Dear Curtis,

Quick Updates

1. **Attorney General Koster** took Republic Services to Court due to concerns about

a new, independent smoldering fire starting in the North Quarry of the landfill, closer to the radioactive wastes. AG Koster was able to get more testing but not everything he wanted. St. Louis Public Radio summarizes the Court decision and includes documents [HERE](#).

2. **Thursday, January 22** is the next Community led meeting at 6:30pm at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 513 in Bridgeton, MO. Get the latest updates on the landfill and how you can help.
3. **Always** report odors to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) if you believe the landfill is the cause. The DNR is collecting odor complaints while Attorney General Koster is legally involved with Republic Services, the landfill owner.

The above photo was taken by MCE on December 10, 2014.

EPA's 2008 ROD & Rewriting History

In 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the West Lake Landfill. The ROD called for capping and permanently leaving the radioactive wastes at the landfill. The decision was reached after many public comments concerning groundwater contamination because **no liner separates the groundwater from the radioactive wastes**. The radioactive wastes will actually become more radioactive over the next 9,000 years because of the uranium purification process used for nuclear weapons development.

In 2010, the EPA put its controversial 2008 ROD on hold so other remedial options could be considered and shared with the public. It's a good thing the decision is

Upcoming Events

Franciscan Sisters of Mary Prayer Vigil

Where: 12755 St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton, MO at the abandoned Phillips 66 gas station

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (weather pending) at 10am. Next vigil is January 14, 2015.

West Lake Landfill Community Meeting

Where: International Union of Operating Engineers Local 513 at 3449 Hollenberg Drive, Bridgeton, MO

When: Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:30pm.

*The last email incorrectly listed the Community Meeting scheduled for 1/15/15. Please note the correct date is 1/22/15.

Don't be fooled by Republic Services' revisionist promotion of the EPA's 2008 ROD. The EPA's own Office of Research and Development said the 2008 decision could lead to "increased emissions of radon and other contaminants in the air and groundwater," if a smoldering fire reached the radioactive wastes.

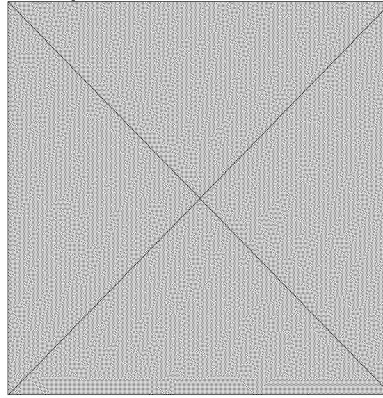
The St. Louis Post-Dispatch editorial board does a good job summarizing some of the big issues surrounding the West Lake Landfill and a new toxic coal ash reservoir planned to be built by Ameren in the Missouri River floodplain, just upstream from West Lake.

Support the safe removal of radioactive wastes from the West Lake Landfill and the Missouri River floodplain.

Take Action

Senator Blunt, Senator McCaskill, Congressman Clay, and Congresswoman Wagner all have the power to transfer the West Lake Landfill to the St. Louis Army

Corps of Engineers FUSRAP by introducing and passing legislation. This action has been accomplished by Democrats and Republicans alike in previous years and we call on them for a bipartisan effort to do the same here.



We appreciate the February and July letters of support for the St. Louis Corps of Engineers FUSRAP involvement at the West Lake Landfill and it's time to go further. Call and ask them to put the St. Louis Corps FUSRAP in charge at West Lake now!

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